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1. REFERENCED TELEGRAM REQUESTS COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF MEXICAN EXPORT CONTROLS AND DUTIES, AS WELL AS THOSE CONTROLS AND DUTIES IMPOSED SINCE JANUARY 1973. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WASHINGTON HAS COPY MEXICAN EXPORT TARIFF, KEPT CURRENT BY LOOSELEAF SERVICE TO WHICH IT SUBSCRIBES. TITLE NUEVA TARIFA DEL IMPUESTO GENERAL DE EXPORTACION. VOL. I LISTS ALL EXPORT TARIFF CLASSIFICATIONS, WITH RATES AND INDICATION OF EXPORT LICENSE REQUIREMENT IF THESE APPLY. VOL. II CONTAINS REGULATIONS, INCLUDING COMPREHENSIVE LIST PAGES 677 TO 694-3 OF ITEMS REQUIRING EXPORT PERMIT FROM SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE (SIC). EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THESE VOLUMES AVAILABLE IN BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE/LATIN AMERICAN DIVISION.

2. REVIEW OF EXPORT TARIFF SINCE JANUARY 1973 SHOWS FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. ITEMS ADDED TO LIST UNDER SIC CONTROL: SAWN LUMBER, HEAVY SPAR AND BARITE--BOTH ORES AND GRANULATED, PHOSPHORIC ACID, AMMONIUM SULPHATE, AMMONIUM PHOSPHATE, DIAMONIUM PHOSPHATE, ANHYDROUS AMMONIA, AMMONIUM NITRATE, UREA, CALCIUM PHOSPHATE, SUPERPHOSPHATE, TRIPLE SUPERPHOSPHATE, POTASSIUM PHOSPHATE, ALL

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FERTILIZERS ON BASE OF AMMONIUM NITRATE, CALCIUM PHOSPHATE OR

AMMONIA; ALL PHOSPHOROUS FERTILIZERS, ALUMINUM IN INGOTS OR GRANULATED, SESAME SEED, AND SODIUM ISOBUTILIC XANTHATE.

EMBASSY BELIEVES EXPORT PERMITS UNLIKELY TO BE GIVEN ON MOST OF THESE PRODUCTS. SAWN LUMBER IS AN EXCEPTION AND IS REPORTEDLY BEING EXPORTED. OF REMAINDER, SPAR OR BARITE IS RAW MATERIAL FOR PRODUCTION BARIUM SULPHATE USED IN OIL WELL DRILLING; FERTILIZERS IN SHORT SUPPLY AT TIME WHEN GOVERNMENT GIVING PRIORITY TO FOOD PRODUCTION; BAUXITE MUST BE IMPORTED FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION OF ALUMINUM; SHORTAGES OF EDIBLE OILS HAVE OBLIGED GOVERNMENT TO IMPORT IN ORDER HOLD PRICES DOWN; SODIUM ISOBUTILIC XANTHATE USED IN SMELTING OF METALS, AND STEEL AND SCRAP IN SHORT SUPPLY AS DISCUSSED MEXICO 1245. GOM EFFORTS TO OVERCOME SCRAP SCARCITY WERE REPORTED IN MEXICO 1283.

B. NEW CLASSIFICATIONS: IN RECENT MONTHS NUMEROUS NEW CLASSIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN CREATED IN EXPORT TARIFF. EMBASSY BELIEVES LIKELY THESE ITEMS NOW SEPARATELY CLASSIFIED TO FACILITATE EXPORT CONTROLS IF DEVELOPMENTS INDICATE DESIRABLE. LIST INCLUDES PERLITE, SODIUM FLOURIDE, BENZOIC ACID, PHTHALIC ANHYDRIDE, MALEIC ANHYDRIDE, 1 BUTONAL, 2-ETHYL HEXANOL, EPOXY RESINS, RETHREADED SCREWS, ALUMINUM EYELETS, BURNED OR HYDRATED DOLOMITE, BISMUTH OXICHLORIDE, 5-CHLORINE 7-IODINE 8-HYDROXIQUINOLIN, NICKEL ACETATE, SODIUM CITRATE, GOLD LIQUID LACTATE, COSIN-EXTRALACTONE, BARIUM CARBONATE, CALCIUM AND AMMONIUM DOUBLE POLYSULFIDE, MICROPULVERIZED POLYETHYLENE, PREPARATIONS OF SULFURIC ACID, POTASSIUM DICHROMATE AND WATER; HYDRATED MAGNESIUM SULPHATE, ANHYDROUS CAFFEIN, EMULSIONATED POLYSTYRENE RESIN, CYCLOHEXANONE, PHENOL RESINS, FODDER, CERTAIN PORCELAIN PRODUCTS, MACHINES FOR COUNTING, CLASSIFYING AND PACKING COINS, AND COBBLESTONS.

C. EXPORT DUTIES: AMONG ALL NEW CLASSIFICATION, ONLY PERLITE AND COBBLESTONES HAVE EXPORT DUTY. CHANGES IN DUTIES ON EXISTING CLASSIFICATIONS DURING THE PERIOD HAVE BEEN REDUCTIONS. ALL OTHER CHANGES DURING 1973 WERE IN OFFICIAL MINIMUM VALUATIONS FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES. THESE CHANGES ARE ROUTINE AND MEANT TO REFLECT CHANGES IN MARKET VALUES.

3. MEXICO HAS LONG MAINTAINED SOME EXPORT CONTROLS AND/OR DUTIES TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENCOURAGE DOMESTIC PROCESSING OF RAW MATERIALS, ASSURE ADEQUATE LEVELS OF FOODSTUFFS AND OTHER MATERIALS, AND SIPHON OFF SOME WINDFALL PROFITS WHEN WORLD PRICES WERE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN DOMESTIC.

4. SO FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE NO BARTER AGREEMENTS ARE IN FORCE.

5. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS MUCH INFORMATION ON IMPORT CONTROLS

SINCE MEXICAN COMMERCIAL POLICY USES THESE CONTROLS TO FURTHER
INDUSTRIALIZATION. COMMERCE ALSO HAS MEXICAN IMPORT TARIFF, TITLE
NUEVA TARIFA DEL IMPUESTO GENERAL DE IMPORTACION, AND SUBSCRIPTION
TO LOOSELEAF SERVICE. TARIFF INDICATES ALL CLASSIFICATIONS
REQUIRING IMPORT PERMITS.

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